

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
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**Sir:**

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

**For (Title): IMPROVED METHOD AND SYSTEM OF COMPUTER FILE  
MANAGEMENT**

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- ☒ 27 pages of Specification/Claims 1-28/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-7b; 8 sheets) are attached.  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_ --  
☐ Priority of foreign application No. -- filed -- in -- is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

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